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Applicant #1, Name: Gerald T Mattson

Applicant #2, Name: This is a division of 10/037,162

Title: Device and method for stuffing food items

Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Nr. of Sheets 13

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Very respectfully,

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	370.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	80.00
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$)	450.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	
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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description		
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for expedited examination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SR prior to Examination	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SR after Examination	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extens:	
118	1,440	218	720	Extens	
128	1,960	228	980	Extens	
119	320	219	160	Notice	
120	320	220	160	Filing a	
121	280	221	140	Reques	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition	
140	110	240	55	Petition	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility iss	
143	460	243	230	Design i	
144	620	244	310	Plantiss	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)				(\$)	

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